

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### REMEMBERING NORMAN BORLAUG

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my most sincere condolence to the family, friends and colleagues of Norman E. Borlaug—the Father of “Green Revolution.” Dr. Norman Borlaug applied scientific innovation, compassion for the poor and expert knowledge of agricultural practices to develop and introduce groundbreaking technologies that will forever change the prospects of the hungry and impoverished around the globe.

Borlaug’s development of high-yield and disease-resistant wheat varieties bore results in Mexico, Pakistan and India that stretched the imagination of viable agriculture in developing countries. Recently, Borlaug worked to apply farming practices and methods of increasing food production to Asia and Africa and has continued to advocate the use of biotechnology to combat world famine.

World leaders will honor and continue his legacy by further applying his practices and technologies to future agriculture and food production. Dr. Borlaug has been an example for so many of us who see the hope and promise the science of biotechnology holds.

Farmers who can produce greater yields with less through agriculture biotechnology applications

ving Saunders and carried him away from the burning aircraft, the burning pools of gasoline, and the random detonation of .50 caliber ammunition as it “cooked off” from the Corsair’s burning ammunition supply. Corporal Buss carried Staff Sergeant Saunders to safety, rendered first aid to him, and facilitated his evacuation to a hospital where he was treated for life threatening third degree burns over an estimated forty percent of his body. We recognize Corporal Vernon Robert Buss for his fearless personal initiative, professional dedication and sagacious bravery on 24 January 1945. His actions reflect the meritorious credit upon his person and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

On behalf of the people of the United States, Congressman DARRELL E. ISSA, Major General Michael R. Lehnert, Commanding General Marine Corps Installations West, and all veterans who have served with courage and honor, we commemorate your service.

### CONGRATULATING DAVID CAREY, RECIPIENT OF ROBERT WOODS JOHNSON COMMUNITY LEADER AWARD

#### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Carey on being honored with the Robert Woods Johnson Community Leader Award. David is currently the Human Services Co-op Board Chair of Inspire, an organization that aims to empower individuals with disabilities to direct and control their own services in a way that promotes community life.

David’s journey began in 1988. One evening, as his roommate and a friend were examining a gun, it went off, shooting a bullet into his spine as he slept. In just moments, he went from dreaming of becoming a professional baseball player to facing the rest of his life with quadriplegia. While this sudden change of circumstance would deter many people, David redirected his energy to help other people with disabilities.

Today, David’s leadership impacts the lives of over 500,000 people with disabilities in the Phoenix area. Since 2006, when he led a group of individuals to create Inspire, David has secured long term contracts to provide attendant care services and ensure that individuals across Arizona receive the quality of care they deserve. He has also worked with local transit authorities to create accessible public transportation throughout the Valley of the Sun.

When I was an Arizona State Senator, David would come to my office to lobby on disability issues. It did not make any difference how hot it was outside; David put in the effort and make his way to the State Capitol, usually

on public transportation. I was impressed with him then, and continue to be impressed with his accomplishments now.

The Robert Woods Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders program each year honors 10 outstanding and otherwise unrecognized individuals who overcome daunting odds to improve health and health care, especially to underserved populations in communities across the United States. The program elevates the work of these unsung heroes, like David, through enhanced recognition, technical assistance and new leadership opportunities. I know he will use these new resources to improve the lives of Arizonans with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating David Carey on being honored with the Robert Woods Johnson Community Leader Award. His dedication to creating better communities is an example for us all.

### RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res 556 recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the Federal Credit Union Act and to acknowledge the great work of credit unions throughout the Third Congressional District.

Indiana has a long history with credit unions and in fact, was the first Midwestern state to pass a law permitting their founding. In October of 1923, the first credit union in the Midwest opened its doors in Indiana. Today there are 206 credit unions throughout my state that count over 2 million Indiana residents among its members.

The Federal Credit Union Act of 1934 was originally passed, in part, to help make credit available to underserved communities. These financial cooperatives were organized by people primarily tied together by some common bond. Today, credit unions continue to provide unique services to both their members and communities.

The Chiphone Federal Credit Union of Elkhart, IN has been providing service since 1947 and today has over 17,000 members. They have strong ties to the community and received honorable mention from the Indiana Credit Union League in both the Dora Maxwell Awards and Louise Herring Awards which recognize outstanding efforts in social responsibility and community service and the credit union that best puts the credit union philosophy in action respectively.

In Auburn Indiana, DeKalb Financial Credit Union provides both superior financial service and to support local charities through service activities and donations. The Relay for Life, March of Dimes and WFGA Kite Fly have all

### A TRIBUTE TO MR. VERNON R. BUSS

#### HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual who selflessly risked his life to save the life of a terribly injured Marine, former Staff Sergeant Irving Saunders. Our country has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated Marines who willingly and unselfishly risk their lives to keep our country safe.

We recognize Vernon R. Buss for his meritorious actions on the Guiana Airstrip, Samar Island, Republic of the Philippines on the 24 January 1945, while serving as a ground maintenance mechanic, aircraft wing. On this day while performing maintenance duties in connection with operation against Japanese forces in the Philippines, Corporal Vernon Robert Buss, United States Marine, put the life of another Marine over his own. While assisting in the rescue attempt of a crashed aircraft and its crew, Corporal Buss singlehandedly extracted the unconscious and burning body of Staff Sergeant Irving Saunders from the wreckage of a burning F4-U Corsair. With total disregard for his own safety, Corporal Buss rushed to the side of Staff Sergeant Ir-

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benefitted from its community-oriented philosophy. DeKalb Financial serves as a drop off point for Food Bank donations and this past year provided five area students scholarships for college. In addition, DeKalb Financial continues to be a proud corporate sponsor for one of the area's National Historic Landmarks, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

The East Allen Credit Union provides quality financial services for over 2,400 members. Whether it is helping its members plan for the costs of college or assisting in the purchase of the new family car, East Allen has been an asset to the New Haven community for nearly 45 years.

Financial Members Federal Credit Union of Auburn, Indiana has been delivering quality service to the people of DeKalb County since 1972. During its years of operation, it has contributed to its valued members and surrounding community by providing low-cost financial products and service activity and donations.

In Woodburn, IN, the Financial Partners Federal Credit Union has been providing sound financial services to residents and employees of East Allen County for over 40 years. Through its regular contributions to the area food bank and the ice cream socials it hosts for its members, Financial Partners illustrates the personal attention and community-oriented service that make credit unions such unique institutions.

Founded over 75 years ago, The Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union of Fort Wayne, IN not only provides great service to its members, but has won awards from the Indiana Credit Union League for both community involvement and for demonstrating the credit union philosophy in its activities. Activities such as Making Strides Against Cancer, fundraising for the Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults and volunteering for Fire Prevention Week are emblematic of credit unions commitment to the community.

Indiana Lakes Federal Credit Union in Warsaw, Indiana has been delivering quality, low cost financial services to the people of Kosciusko County for over 30 years. During this time, it has proved to be a tremendous asset to its 3,600 members and has contributed to the community through various forms of service activities and donations.

In Elkhart, IN, INVOA Federal Credit Union recently contributed \$5000 to Project Healing Water to assist in its mission to aid the recovery of wounded, injured, or disabled veterans by introducing them to fishing and using these skills for lifelong recreation. Credit Union employees personally raised the funds and the contribution was used to help transport and host veterans at the 2009 event along the Albany River in Ontario, Canada. INOVA is also supporting the economic growth of its community and has partnered with the City of Elkhart to provide free internet service along the downtown Riverwalk and promote future downtown development. This commitment to service is exemplified by its President and CEO, Dallas Bergl, who recently received the Indiana Credit Union League's Professional Achievement award for his support and promotion of credit union ideals throughout Indiana.

In Goshen, Indiana, the Interra Credit Union has been recognized by the Indiana Credit Union League in nine consecutive years for its service activities. These include a financial

pledge of \$10,000 to assist Goshen College fund the construction of a new music building, annual scholarships for high school seniors, along with regular involvement in events like the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Michiana Menenonite Relief Sale. Interra also works to improve youth financial literacy by providing lessons and educational resources on budgeting, credit, investment and savings.

For over 70 years, ITT Employees Federal Credit Union has provided its members and community with first-rate service. Its efforts have led ITT to be recognized as the best credit union in Fort Wayne by an area newspaper survey. The nearly 4000 members of ITT are fortunate to have such a dedicated organization providing them financial services.

In my District, the Three Rivers Credit Union of Fort Wayne, Indiana was honored for its efforts to help alleviate poverty and was awarded 2nd Place in the 2008 national Dora Maxwell Awards for social responsibility. As the primary sponsor of "Canstruction," it brought together high school students and staff from various engineering and design firms to create giant structures entirely out of canned food. Over 80 members of the Three Rivers Credit Union volunteered for the event that resulted in a donation of 83,529 cans of food to the community food bank, the largest single donation in its history.

In Fort Wayne, IN the newly founded Union Baptist Federal Credit Union personifies the personal attention and community-oriented service that makes credit unions such unique institutions. Believing in self-sufficiency through empowerment, the Union Baptist Credit Union provides its 309 members quality financial services and is a welcomed addition to the Fort Wayne community.

United Credit Union in Warsaw, Indiana has been delivering quality service to the people of Kosciusko County since 1997. During the past 12 years, it has contributed to its valued members and surrounding community through service activity and donations.

The Weatherhead Federal Credit Union of Columbia City, IN provides quality financial service to over 2,000 members. Whether it is through financial counseling or low cost home loans, Weatherhead has been a tremendous asset to the Columbia City community for nearly 45 years.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF SUPERVALU FACILITY IN ANNISTON EARNING ACCREDITATION FROM CAMBRIDGE CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL STUDIES

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to Supervalu in Anniston, Alabama, for earning accreditation from the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies.

The Cambridge Center, along with a consortium of universities, consulting firms and insurance companies, developed accreditation criteria in 2001. It was formed to bring behavioral-based safety programs to the work place. Supervalu is one of only seven facilities in the

world that has been recognized for its behavior-based safety programs since audits began.

This accreditation demonstrates Supervalu's commitment in Anniston to help employees support and encourage each other, resulting in a positive work environment that is productive, safe and effective.

In congratulate Anniston's Supervalu for this important distinction.

#### ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS

### HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, today I introduce a bill that would provide Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) with parity for an important tax incentive that promotes the permanent protection of land through the charitable donation of a conservation easement.

Primarily, conservation easements are administered under state laws while federal law offers tax benefits associated with them. Under present law, Internal Revenue Code, Section 170 allows taxpayers to take a deduction for charitable contributions of property through conservation easements.

In 2006, Congress enhanced the charitable tax deduction for conservation easements in order to further protect important habitats and encourage such gifts. Congress temporarily increased the maximum deduction limit for individuals making donations of qualified conservation easements from 30 percent to 50 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Contributions made by corporations are deductible for up to 10 percent of their income. In the case of a qualified farmer or rancher, the limitation was increased from 30 percent to 100 percent of taxable income.

Many farmers and ranchers are owners of ecologically significant open spaces, but often have limited income. The purpose of the deduction was to create an incentive by providing these farmers and ranchers with some measure of value commensurate to that of the conservation easement donation. Qualified farmers or ranchers are defined as non-publicly traded corporations or individuals whose gross income from the trade or business of farming is greater than 50 percent of the taxpayers gross income. The temporary rules were extended for two additional years by the recently enacted Farm Bill to contributions made before December 31, 2009.

Although subsistence-based Alaskan Native communities are similarly situated to the small communal family farms that are eligible, they are ineligible for these important new tax incentives because they are Federally chartered as C corporations under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). Moreover, Alaska Native Corporations have insufficient gross income from the trade or business of farming to be eligible for the enhanced deduction.

Alaska Native communities continue to have a deeply symbiotic relationship with the land even today, relying on important food sources from Alaskan waters and lands. For many communities, with purchasing of food both costly and difficult, nearly 70 percent of food continues to come from the land.

Because conservation easements are the result of decades of statutory, regulatory, and case law, this legislation is crafted to ensure it does not change the underlying state law or the underlying federal tax law pertaining to conservation easements. A summary of the legislation follows.

The legislation modifies Internal Revenue Code, Section 170(b) (2) by inserting subparagraph (C), creating an exception that provides Alaska Native Corporations with a deduction for donations of certain qualified conservation easements.

Under Section 170(b)(2)(i), the maximum deduction limit would be set at 100 percent of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

If the taxpayer has deductions in excess of the applicable percentage-of-income limitation, Section 170(b)(2) (ii) would allow the taxpayer to carry-forward the deduction for up to 15 years.

In order to be eligible, a qualified charitable conservation contribution must: (1) otherwise qualify under Section 170(h)(1); (2) be made by a Native Corporation; and (3) be land that was conveyed by ANCSA.

Section 170(b)(C)(IV) reiterates that this legislation is not meant to modify underlying state law or the underlying federal tax law in any way most notably regarding to existing property rights conveyed to ANC's through ANCSA. For example, while the easement would apply to the surface rights of the land, the Regional Corporation would continue to hold their subsurface rights and reserve their right to develop those resources through methods such as directional drilling.

The increased maximum deduction limit would apply to all contributions made in taxable years beginning January 1, 2009.

Under Alaskan law, all ANCs already have the ability to place conservation easements on their land, so communities that would like to "tie up their land" already possess the ability to do so. Additionally, current law affords eminent domain powers to governments for imposing corridors across easements. Moreover, courts have repeatedly held that lands subject to conservation easements are not protected from condemnation proceedings.

Expanding eligibility for the tax deduction for charitable donations of qualified conservation easements would give parity to Alaska Native Corporations, providing them with an incentive to permanently protect properties. In addition, the tax incentive would help provide the resources necessary to offset the costs of permanent protection.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING RONDA KINNAMON FOR 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OHIO AND THE APPALACHIAN REGION

#### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Ronda Kinnamon was appointed as the Regional Economic Development Director for the region of Chillicothe, Ohio, because of her expertise about and dedication to Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, Ronda Kinnamon has, throughout her career, been of invaluable service to com-

munity economic development and small business growth; and

Whereas, Ronda Kinnamon has provided economic and job-training assistance to the people of Ohio through her service in the State Department of Job and Family Services; and

Whereas, Ronda Kinnamon has demonstrated leadership and innovation through her founding of the American Quality and Productivity Institute of Southern Ohio, which promoted economic development and job creation in Southern and Eastern Ohio: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Ronda Kinnamon for her distinguished record of service to Ohio and the Appalachian Region. We are grateful for her dedication and service.

#### HONORING TREVOR L. JAMES OF HAMMONTON TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY; A PRAISEWORTHY MAN AND A LOVING FATHER

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Trevor L. James, who resided in Hammonton, New Jersey for 22 years. His life was tragically cut short in a motorcycle accident.

As a child Trevor loved to laugh and play like all children, but he also had a passion for all things mechanical. He would spend endless hours figuring out how things could be put together and taken apart.

When he was 12 years old, Trevor was struck by a car while riding his bicycle. As a result of the injuries from the accident he was unable to participate in sports and other physical activities. Despite this obstacle, James kept a positive attitude. He lived his life according to his parents' philosophy; act with conscience and always with motivation.

At the age of 20, Trevor was blessed with the birth of his son Dylan. Trevor instantly matured the day Dylan entered this world. Trevor bought and restored a home in order to better care for his son. He devoted his life to being the best father he could be.

On August 1st, 2006, Trevor was in a motorcycle accident in Sicklerville, New Jersey. While driving down the road he was blindsided by another vehicle and the promise of his young life was ended. Since the accident his mother, Mrs. Janet James, has dedicated her efforts to the memory of her son Trevor. She is now a major advocate for motorcycle safety in New Jersey. Members of the community have donated a billboard to commemorate Trevor's life. The billboard is located on the highway where Trevor was struck. It shows a picture of Trevor and his son Dylan, reminding drivers to remain alert on the roadways.

Madam Speaker, Trevor James' life must not be forgotten. I want to personally thank Mrs. James for keeping her son's memory alive. As Mrs. James says, her son will be remembered for the characteristics he demonstrated everyday: truth, love, and justice.

#### HONORING PENNY BROPHY FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TEMPE

#### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Penny Brophy, who is retiring from the City of Tempe after twenty four years of distinguished service. Penny possesses a quick wit and enthusiastic personality that endears her to her fellow co-workers. She also has the rare ability to interject humor in even the most stressful situations, and is always generous with her time to help her co-workers.

However, Tempe's loss is the Brophy family's gain. She will now have more time to spend with her husband, Bob and their children, Howard and Laurie. As a grandparent myself, I also know she will love having more free time to dote on her own four grandchildren—Adam, Jessican, Dylan and Sydney. Penny, congratulations on your retirement, and I hope you enjoy your hard-earned leisure. You are a rare gem and will be truly missed.

Penny started her tenure with Tempe while I was Mayor, and I am pleased to recognize her accomplishment today. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Penny Brophy on a distinguished career of service.

#### TRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS DEBATORS BRETT BRICKER AND NATHAN JOHNSON FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

#### HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the collegiate policy debate team of Brett Bricker and Nate Johnson from the University of Kansas on their National Debate Tournament championship this spring.

Nearly 80 teams competed in this year's National Debate Tournament, held in Austin, TX. After 10 challenging rounds of debate, Bricker and Johnson defeated the defending national champions from Wake Forest to bring home the title. While less prominent than its athletic counterparts, collegiate policy debate is a competitive, academic activity that exists in universities across the Nation. Students spend countless hours throughout the academic year reading articles and forming arguments to debate a national topic on both sides. In addition to the grueling work required by the activity, students must also keep up with their schoolwork, all without the benefit of scholarships.

I am pleased to share with the other members of the House of Representatives a recent article in Kansas Alumni magazine chronicling the champions' story. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Brett Bricker and Nate Johnson on their championship.

RAISE THE BLUE BANNER—THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ARGUMENT: KU'S DEBATE TEAM IS THE BEST IN THE LAND

(By Joe Miller)

While other Kansas seniors are enjoying spring break on beaches in Florida, Brett Bricker is in cold, damp Lawrence, his nose buried in books. He reads all day, every day, taking short breaks now and then to grab some food. And he keeps reading while he eats. At night he can't sleep, so he gets up and reads some more, plowing through thick, mind-numbing books about the global economy and farm subsidies, and dense articles culled from peer-reviewed journals.

It's grueling, but this is March—tournament time. Bricker knows he must give his all if he wants to bring the national championship trophy back to KU.

When he needs a break from reading, he trudges across an empty campus to Bailey Hall, downstairs to the basement, to meet with his teammate, fellow senior Nate Johnson. It's a messy place, with tables and study carrels stacked with books and photocopied articles, reams and reams of them, and accordion tile folders and pens and highlighters. And trophies. Lots and lots of trophies.

"There's too many trophies," he says. "Not enough room for all of them."

But Bricker, a math major, and Johnson, a double major in philosophy and political science, have spent four years doing all they can to add to the clutter. They first set foot in this place when they were high school students and were blown away by the winning tradition showcased on its walls, which are covered with banners: yellow and red for Final Four finishes, burgundy for ending the regular season ranked No. 1, and four KU blue ones for national championships: 1954, 1970, 1976 and 1983. "When you get here, you want to work as hard as you can to enshrine your name here," Johnson says.

Among the banners are several bearing their names, each for perfectly admirable accomplishments such as earning top seed in a championship tournament or finishing in the finals or Final Four. But those aren't good enough for Bricker and Johnson. The banners that bear their names aren't Jayhawk blue.

Folks sometimes compare KU's debate program to its storied basketball program. But that's really doing a disservice to debate. Over the past 50 years, the Jayhawks won the National Debate Tournament four times, made it to the NDT Final Four on 13 occasions, and have qualified for the tourney every year since 1968.

And, unlike basketball, they do it all without the benefit of full-ride scholarships. The Jayhawk debate squad, a perennial national top 10, is a team of walk-ons. "Our students debate because they love debate," says coach Scott Harris.

Despite its success, Kansas doesn't attract the nation's top high school debaters the way rivals do. Other top-ranked debate programs, such as Northwestern, Emory, Harvard, Dartmouth and California-Berkeley, reload every season with champion debaters from the best prep schools in the country. Kansas builds its success with in-state students who had little opportunity to compete at the national level.

"Kansas has a great tradition of taking kids who weren't especially good debaters in high school and making them into champions," Bricker says.

He and Johnson are perfect examples. Both debated in high school, Johnson in Manhattan and Bricker in Wichita. And though both qualified for the national championship tournament, along with hundreds of other kids, neither made it to elimination rounds, much less the Final Four or championship.

Yet now they're heading into the final tournament of their college careers, the storied National Debate Tournament, as the second-ranked team in the nation, having been edged out of the top spot by Northwestern in February after a season-long, neck-and-neck battle.

It would have been nice to finish No. 1, of course. But in the big scheme of things, it doesn't matter. All that matters now—indeed, maybe all that ever has mattered—is the NDT.

Last year, Kansas got knocked out in the Elite Eight. Same thing the year before.

Now the Jayhawks have one last chance to win it for themselves, and for their coach, who, despite an outstanding record in his 18 years in Lawrence, has never won the big one.

Harris came to Lawrence in 1991, after a five-year stint as director of debate for the University of Louisville, where, truth be told, he was beginning to feel disillusioned with the game. It's a high burnout activity," he explains.

Observing Bricker and Johnson as they prepare for the NDT, it's easy to see why. Each works more than 40 hours a week on debate during the regular season, much more at championship time. This is in addition to school. And neither of them sloughs off their schoolwork. Both are graduating with honors and have shored up plans to continue their studies, Johnson in law school and Bricker as a master's student in KU's communication studies program.

Coaching is even more demanding. In addition to managing several dozen debaters and nine assistant coaches (grad students in the communication studies department), and traveling to 18 tournaments a year, Harris also teaches two classes each semester.

Yet he feels more excited about debate today than ever, he says, "because of the quality of students we've had here at Kansas. I really feel like I've been spoiled. We've had really good people. I don't know what it is about Kansas. Maybe it's something in the water that produces kids of high character."

Also, he gets a lot of help from the administration and alumni. Support for debate has always been strong. It helps, for instance, that the chair of the communication studies department is not only a former KU debater but also a national champion: Professor Robert Rowland, c'77, PhD'83, won the NDT in 1976 with teammate Frank Cross, c'77. But support strengthened in 2001, when Chancellor Robert E. Hemenway formed the KU Debate Advisory Committee, a group of faculty and alumni that raises funds for the program and builds community across generations of KU debaters.

Mark Gidley, c'83, c'83, who serves on the committee and helped win Kansas' last national championship, in 1983, says the effort has benefited the program and alumni. "We've had a number of reunions," he says. "It's been amazing to make connections between debaters from the '40s and '50s and the '80s and '90s and to see that we all had the same experiences."

#### RECOGNIZING THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LITTLE LEAGUE'S ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Mountain View Little League's All-Star team, which won the

2009 Junior League Baseball World Series. I share the pride of from around my Congressional District and state that this inspiring and hard-working team hails from our community.

After a 24-game winning streak, the Scottsdale-based team claimed the World Series title, beating a team from Aruba. However, it is not just their impressive record or title that makes them an exceptional team. Their qualities of dedication, hard work and perseverance brought the team to victory. As a former teacher and coach, I know from experience the importance of these values, which are essential both on and off the field.

Therefore, I am truly privileged to celebrate the win of such a determined and good-spirited team. The team's heart and unity has paid off and should serve as an inspiration for all. I have high hopes for all members of the team and I am confident that they will continue to make Arizona proud, whether in baseball or any other future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to enter into CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the Mountain View Little League's All-Star team: Jake Anderson, Dylan Cozens, Michael DeRegis, Jimmy DiTroia, Cody Erickson, Lucas Jacobi, Zac Janikis, Grant Martinez, Duncan Morfitt, Ryan Riggs, Michael Salazar, Luc Trotta, Mo White; Coaches Jim DiTroia, Darin Trotta and Manager Steve Erickson.

#### TRIBUTE TO MIDLAND BERRYHILL AMERICAN LEGION POST 165 BASEBALL TEAM

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the team members of the Midland Berryhill American Legion Post 165 baseball team on winning the American Legion World Series on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. They have represented the state well with their perseverance and athleticism, and we are very proud of their national accomplishments.

Berryhill's 11-4 win over the Medford, Oregon Mustangs completed a five-game unbeaten run through the World Series. This is Berryhill's first ever national championship.

Additionally, Berryhill, a 19 and under travel team comprised of players from mid-Michigan and rooted in Midland, consistently outscored their opponents with strong hitting and solid defense throughout the series.

Team members include: Cole Martin, Kenny Babinski, Jordon Herman, Larsen Cronkright, Garrett Yatch, Nate Kuehne, Jordon Dean, Sean Hartman, Alex Rapanos, Eric Dawson, Matt Cresswell, Kenton SanMiguel, Ryan Longsteth, Kyle O'Boyle, Ben Singer, Eric Peterson, Chad Mayle, Max Yatch, and Jake Enszer. The team's coaching staff includes Dan Cronkright, and Patrick Dawson, while Steve Cronkright serves as the team manager.

I am honored today to recognize the Midland Berryhill American Legion Post 165 baseball team for their accomplishments, and congratulate them on their outstanding performance.

## A TRIBUTE TO HELEN KLEBERG GROVES

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helen Kleberg Groves, who will be honored on October 3, 2009 at the Autry National Center's Annual Gala, "Celebrate the Spirit: Women of the West." The Autry National Center's mission is to tell the stories of all the diverse peoples of the American West, and that is reflected in the themes of their Galas—this year's theme, 'Celebrate the Spirit: Women of the West' reflects the often neglected stories of Western women.

Helen Kleberg Groves is a true Texas cowgirl, a mother, a grandmother, an author, and a philanthropist with a heart as big as the King Ranch, her family home. Groves was born in San Antonio on October 10, 1927, the child of Robert J. Kleberg Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg. She was reared on the 825,000-acre ranch in South Texas, where she learned about ranching, line breeding, genetics, and working cattle from her father.

She attended Henrietta M. King High School in Kingsville; St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio; and Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia. She also attended Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York. In addition to raising five daughters and a son, Groves made time for civic work while spending a lifetime in ranching and livestock. For more than 30 years, from 1956 to 1988, she was on the board of directors of King Ranch Inc.

She is president of the Robert J. Kleberg Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation, established in 1950 by her parents. The foundation has funded countless projects in Texas and across the country, particularly in the areas of biomedical research, health services, higher education, and veterinary and wildlife projects.

Ms. Kleberg Groves has been called an ambassador to the equine industry for her support of equine research and contributions to the development of the American Quarter Horse.

Known as the "First Lady of Cutting," Groves has spent decades breeding, raising, and riding cutting horses. She began competing in cutting horse events in 1972 and took many championships until she retired from competition. She is a member of the National Cutting Horse Association Hall of Fame, National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Among her numerous honors is the Order of Australia from the Governor General of Australia. She was only the second American to receive this award. She is emeritus director of the U.S. Equestrian Team and a lifetime vice president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me in paying tribute to Helen Kleberg Groves, an inspiring individual—and true Woman of the West.

## IN TRIBUTE TO GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACH RON MCCUNN

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored today to commend to the House the life and career of my friend and former wrestling coach, Ron McCunn, who passed away last month at age 63.

Ron McCunn coached at Graham High School in St. Paris, Ohio, for 23 years. During his career, he led Graham's wrestlers to their first three state championships (1982, 1998, and 2001). His hard work, dedication, and discipline not only brought national recognition to the wrestling program, but also had a positive impact on the students, athletes, and families whose lives he touched.

In addition to his coaching duties, Coach McCunn taught chemistry and physics at Graham.

Madam Speaker, a ceremony was held at Graham High School on Saturday, September 12, marking Coach McCunn's years of service and devotion to his students. I was honored to join former teammates, students, and friends from throughout the region in celebrating his contributions and accomplishments. I offer my sincerest condolences to his wife, Dale; their son, Steve; Ron's mother, Peggy; and all of their family and friends.

## CONGRATULATING SCOTTSDALE DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF JAMES FORD

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Scottsdale Deputy Fire Chief James Ford for his induction into the Arizona Fire Service Hall of Fame on September 10, 2009. Chief Ford will be recognized for his continued dedication and service to the community. The Arizona Fire Service Hall of Fame recognizes those who make constructive contributions to their community.

Throughout his career, Chief Ford has worked tirelessly to promote the safety and security of the Scottsdale community, and his efforts have saved countless lives. He has dedicated much of his career to ensuring the safety of every community member by pushing for the installation of residential and commercial sprinkler systems. His pioneering research and advocacy on behalf of mandatory sprinkler systems, which activate automatically during a fire emergency to preserve lives and property, has established Scottsdale as a national and international leader in fire safety.

I am proud to represent such a compassionate and hard working individual in my district. Not only have his efforts benefited the community, but he has inspired communities elsewhere to develop and implement mandatory sprinkler ordinances.

Therefore, I urge you Madam Speaker to join me in recognizing and congratulating James Ford on his recent induction and his lasting contributions to his profession and community.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Monday, September 14, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 696, "yea" on rollcall 697, and "yea" on rollcall 698.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY AVIATION DIRECTOR WILLIAM DECOTA

**HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life—and mourn the passing—of Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) Aviation Director William DeCota.

Bill DeCota was appointed director of the world's largest aviation system in 1999. As Aviation Director for PANYNJ, he supervised the management of a diverse portfolio of airports, from international hubs like Lagsardia and Kennedy to Teterboro, a general aviation reliever airport located in my congressional district in New Jersey. Before assuming the position of Aviation Director, Bill served PANYNJ as Deputy Director of Aviation, Assistant Director for Business and Properties, and Manager of Business and Financial Services for the Aviation Department.

In all aspects of discharging his responsibilities, Bill was superlative. He oversaw the largest airport improvement program in the history of the United States, and he brought his keen expertise of airport congestion to bear on one of the Nation's most crowded air corridors. During my time in Congress, I have fought to reduce airport overcrowding and aircraft noise pollution, as well as increase safety at Teterboro and all of our national airports. In that fight, Bill was an ally, partner, mentor, and friend. His institutional knowledge and acute understanding of the difficulties faced by people living near airports, as well as his consistent good humor and positive outlook, made him indispensable. He will be sorely missed.

In the wake of his untimely passing, Bill leaves a legacy of safer air travel and improved quality of life for airport neighbors. He gave back to the community as richly and generously in his personal life as he did in his career, serving—in addition to positions on a variety of aviation-related boards—as president of the Queens Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Madam Speaker, Bill DeCota was a public servant of the highest order; humble, capable and knowledgeable. I rise today to applaud his achievements, mourn his passing, and express my heartfelt condolences to his friends, family and coworkers. New Jersey, and the country, are poorer for having lost him.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE  
HOUSE REGARDING SEPTEMBER  
11, 2001

SPEECH OF

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 9, 2009*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the eighth anniversary of September 11th to commemorate this momentous day in American history. My heart goes out to the thousands of innocent people who were taken from their loved ones and fellow citizens, and I am mindful of the many sacrifices made by the members of our armed forces and their families as they stand in harm's way to protect our great nation.

The victims of the September 11th attacks were a microcosm of America. In the Twin Towers, on the hijacked planes, at the Pentagon, there were mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, friends; there were millionaire bond traders and minimum wage busboys; there were service men and women, police officers and firefighters; there were people of every race and religion, from dozens of countries, all with their own dreams and disappointments; all bound by an invisible thread . . . our common humanity. And we are forever bound to them, and to each other.

September 11th, 2001 was one of our nation's darkest days. But it illuminated some simple and important truths . . . that it means something special to be an American—something more than the happenstance of where you were born. It relates to the unending quest on the part of “we the people” to “form a more perfect union” and to a concept of the common good. Being an American means having a commitment to our collective well-being.

In memory of all those who perished on September 11th, in respect to the survivors, in gratitude to the rescuers, and for the sake of ourselves and our posterity, I recall the words of President Kennedy: “Let us not be blind to our differences—but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.”

Mr. Speaker, during the vote on H. Res. 722, a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the U.S. on September 11th, 2001, I was absent from the House. I want my colleagues and constituents of the 2nd District of Wisconsin to know that I intended to vote yes on this resolution. I am grateful to my colleagues, Mr. HOYER and Mr. BOEHNER, for their work in seeing it passed.

A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING FLORENCE LEWIS ON ACHIEVING HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Florence Lewis will soon celebrate her 100th birthday; and

Whereas, Florence Lewis continues to be a positive influence on the lives of others and contributes to her state and country; and

Whereas, she strives to continue her good works of public service and provides inspiration, grace, and love to her family and her community: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with her friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Florence Lewis for her contributions to her community and country.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 215 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Minority Business Development Agency, a member of the Department of Commerce.

Established on March 5, 1969, the Minority Business Development Agency is the only federal agency specifically created to foster the establishment and growth of minority-owned businesses in America. With five regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, New York and San Francisco, the Minority Business Development Agency network offers a broad range of services to minority entrepreneurs that are strategically located in areas with large concentrations of minority businesses. As a Representative of an area with a large concentration of minority-owned businesses, and as a business owner myself, I am especially aware of the necessity for the services provided by the Minority Business Development Agency business specialists.

Created in the midst of the Civil Rights Era, the Minority Business Development Agency has participated in many extraordinary events and left an impressionable footprint in its four decades of work. It participated with the International Trade Administration in the first trade mission to Bahrain, and many ITA missions with minority business delegations followed due to the success of this mission. Additionally, the Agency coordinated and supported disaster relief efforts for minority businesses following the devastating aftermath of the 1992 Los Angeles riots and the hurricanes that ravaged many of the coastal communities along the Gulf of Mexico.

With a current focus on access to capital for minority-owned businesses, I look forward to celebrating the future success of this organization. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the Minority Business Development Agency on its 40 years of prosperity and endeavoring to advance minority businesses in our nation.

HONORING HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Historic Yellow Springs on the 35th Anniversary of its founding as a non-profit organization committed to preserving and enhancing one of the true historical treasures in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Thanks to the vision and leadership of Connie Fraley and other founders of Historic Yellow Springs, the organization purchased the picturesque 145-acre site and 13 historic buildings on the property in 1974.

The property traces its history back to the early 1700's when Lenape Indians first discovered “yellow water” bubbling from the ground. Stone ruins from America's first military hospital, which treated injured soldiers from the Valley Forge encampment during the Revolutionary War, are also part of the property. And the beauty of the property has inspired impressionistic painters and artists from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Country School during the early part of the 20th Century.

Since establishing Historic Yellow Springs as a non-profit organization in 1974, the talented staff and dedicated members of the Board of Directors have done a tremendous job of offering creative programming to teach generation after generation about the history of the property and to provide exceptional educational and artistic opportunities by holding classes in the library, Connie's House and the Barn Studio.

Staff and the Board of Directors will celebrate the 35th Anniversary during Founders Day on Sunday, September 20th and dedicate the recently restored Iron Spring Gazebo in the memory of Founder Connie Fraley.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Historic Yellow Springs as it celebrates this memorable milestone and in expressing sincere appreciation for the exemplary work of the staff and Board of Directors.

COMMEMORATING MRS. MARGARET BROSETT WILLIAMS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commemorate Mrs. Margaret Brossett Williams on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

On September 28, 1909, Williams was welcomed into this world by John and Vedaline Brossett in Cloutierville, La. She is the last surviving sibling of ten children born to this union.

She married James Houston Williams on October 12, 1928. They were the proud parents of four children: James Dewey Williams, Robert Earl Williams, William Ray Williams and Patsy Jean Williams.

At the very young age of 37, Williams became a widow when her husband passed away unexpectedly in 1946. Her considerable strength and determination was apparent as she raised her four children on her own.

Williams credits her happiness to being surrounded by family and friends. Today, as she has outlived her four children, Williams is encircled by the love of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Baptized on May 6, 1910 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Cloutiersville, she is deeply committed her Catholic faith. Williams still recites her rosary every night before she goes to sleep and is a faithful member of St. Rita Catholic Church in Alexandria, La.

As her friends and family prepare to join together on September 27, 2009, for a mass in her honor, Williams continues to exemplify a strong character of dedication, compassion and devotion.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Margaret Brossett Williams on this truly significant birthday.

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#### HONORING LOUIS T. CAMPESE

#### HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Louis T. Campese, a resident of my district in Upstate New York, for his heroic service during World War II and his ongoing work on behalf of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Campese served on the U.S.S. *Patterson* (DD-392), a naval destroyer stationed at Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack of December 7, 1941. That morning, Mr. Campese and two of his comrades nearly lost their lives while rescuing a drowning sailor. For his extraordinary actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor and his service during World War II, Mr. Campese was awarded several medals, including the Pearl Harbor Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the American Defense Service Medal.

Each year Mr. Campese reunites with other surviving shipmates of the U.S.S. *Patterson* to reminisce about their service together and reinforce the bonds of friendship. Mr. Campese served previously as treasurer for the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., and remains active in various veterans' organizations.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the extraordinary service Mr. Campese rendered on behalf of our nation during a time of great crisis. His bravery in the face of tremendous peril is an example for us all. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Campese and the many men and women willing to risk their lives in defense of the principles and freedoms we as a nation hold dear.

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#### HONORING DOLPH CHIANCHIANO

#### HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dolph Chianchiano, Senior Vice

President for Health Policy and Research for his 30 years of service to the National Kidney Foundation.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Kidney Caucus, I have had the honor of working with the NKF and Dolph to educate my colleagues about the impact of kidney disease, and to shape policy and legislation to make the lives of patients better.

Being from Seattle, where dialysis treatments were first used, I have seen the power of research and innovation in the treatment of kidney disease. People live longer, more productive lives with kidney failure, and we continue to learn more every day.

Dolph Chianchiano has contributed to the understanding we now have about kidney disease in his role of administrator of NKF's research program, which has awarded nearly \$80 million in grants in his tenure. He made the important decision to expand the program to include not only physician research, but other members of the renal health care team: nurses, dietitians and social workers. He has cultivated a cadre of researchers, providing early career grants to researchers that go on to devote a career to improve the lives of kidney patients. Many kidney professionals have remarked, "I got my start through an NKF research grant."

Dolph has also been a tireless advocate for more research funding at the federal level, helping to guide the research agenda of the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies. In the past three decades, we have seen many advances, and hopefully more will come, as we improve the treatment for kidney disease.

I have worked with the NKF for the 20 years I have been in Congress, and I look forward to many more years working with Dolph and the others associated with the Foundation. Congratulations on 30 years of service to kidney patients. I applaud you and wish you well.

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#### IN HONOR OF SARA BIESIADNY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

#### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sara Biesiadny of Grapevine, Texas. Sara has been selected as a regional winner of a ConvaTec Comeback Kids Award. This very important program honors annually a group of individuals living with intestinal diseases or recovering from ostomy surgery.

The Great Comebacks Awards Program honors the achievements of children and teenagers living inspirational lives with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and/or an ostomy. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Great Comebacks Program. Each year regional awards are given to 12 people throughout the United States who have struggled with a chronic condition and have shown extraordinary strength and courage. Recipients are selected for having managed, despite daily struggles with their conditions, to live full and productive lives. In March of 2010, one of these recipients will receive the national Great Comebacks Award.

My constituent Sara, born with birth defects of the spine, bladder and colon, received an

ostomy shortly after birth. Despite this rough start in life, Sara has never wasted a moment's thought on "why has this happened to me?" In fact, she has refused to let her ostomy and other medical conditions get in the way of pursuing her love of sports and science. Even though Sara has undergone continuous medical procedures and surgeries since birth, she won't sit on the sidelines, and enjoys playing softball and basketball and swimming. In fact, as a freshman, she set her mind to join the high school golf team and has enjoyed three solid seasons with the team. Sara also has excelled academically. Sara, 17, is currently a high school senior and encourages others suffering from bowel diseases to remember, "Having an ostomy or bowel disease does not define who you are, only you can do that."

The Great Comeback Awards Program raises awareness of quality-of-life issues for people with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, colorectal cancer and other diseases that can lead to ostomy surgery. These diseases are painful and debilitating; and while ostomy surgery is a procedure that can be life saving, it is also life-changing for patients of all ages. The spirit and courage with which a patient embraces life after ostomy surgery is what the Great Comebacks Program celebrates. My best wishes to Sara and her family.

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#### COMMENDING THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 3

#### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate The American Legion Post 3 for their hard work, service and dedication to the Alexandria/Pineville area, and to the nation.

In 2009 alone, The American Legion Post 3 donated \$34,500 to more than 30 laudable organizations throughout central Louisiana. Post 3 will be honored with a "Legiontown USA" program and subsequent ceremony on September 16, the anniversary of the organization's congressional charter, as American Legion Day.

The "Legiontown USA" campaign was recently introduced to increase awareness of the activities and efforts of local posts in communities throughout the United States and worldwide. This movement is beneficial for it gives our courageous veterans the recognition they deserve.

On a national level, The American Legion is a patriotic, non-profit organization devoted to advocating for our veterans on Capitol Hill. It is an honor and privilege to have such a prominent and compassionate institution in the 5th District of Louisiana.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending The American Legion Post 3 for their loyalty and dedication to our nation's veterans, as well as for their tremendous service to the communities of central Louisiana.

A TRIBUTE HONORING SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL'S CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL TEAM FROM BOYLE HEIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES

### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend an extraordinary group of highly motivated and talented high school volleyball players and their coach from the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles in the 34th District who were crowned champions of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF)-Southern Section Division V in May.

When people talk about Salesian High School's run at the championship, they talk about an unlikely coach and an equally unlikely group of young men for whom volleyball has become more than a game.

The team's coach, Elliott Walker, is a math teacher who learned the basics about volleyball by reading library books. With his compact body and beard, he doesn't exactly fit the stereotype of a volleyball coach. As for the players, the Salesian roster mirrors a student body that is 96 percent Latino, and few of the kids played volleyball before arriving as freshmen.

However, with a defensive style that emphasizes keeping the ball in play, Salesian's team, called the Mustangs, more than compensates for its lack of height and experience. The Mustangs try to throw other teams off-balance with quick transitions, giving opponents less time to settle defensively. This approach suits their coach who, ever the mathematician, asks players to line up with shoulders perfectly angled and teaches his players precise steps for each situation. Hitters aim at nine distinct areas across the net like keys on a cellphone, beginning with high-percentage shots to No. 1, then No. 3, and so on.

After consecutive runner-up finishes in 2007 and 2008, the second-seeded Mustangs ventured to suburban Orange County this year for a shot at the title. While the Mustangs built a respectable program on sweat and guile, the team from the Boyle Heights school faced a formidable match-up. After all, Salesian faced volleyball royalty in the form of St. Margaret's of San Juan Capistrano. In addition to being made up of big kids from a beach town, St. Margaret's team is led by Coach Karch Kiraly, a legend in the sport, whose two sons are on the team's roster.

After four hard-fought games, the final match ended when senior outside hitter Bernard Luna smashed his eighth kill of game four, giving the all-boys school from East Los Angeles its first-ever section title in the sport. Luna finished with 22 kills, two blocks and a service ace in an overall spectacular performance. This was not a one-man effort. Cameron Walker, Jacob Porter, Aaron Turcios, brothers Steven and Ivan Godinez and Erwin Ramirez were the other starters who contributed. Anthony San Jose and John Mora also had their moments off the bench.

Bernard Luna, a senior outside hitter who averaged 18 kills per game for the Division V champion Mustangs, was named CIF Player of the Year. Salesian's Elliott Walker was

named Coach of the Year. And, juniors Erwin Ramirez and Cameron Walker were named to the First Team All-CIF.

But the players success extends well beyond the volleyball court. All nine seniors on last school year's championship volleyball team are currently enrolled at four year colleges, including Luna, who earned an athletic scholarship to Hope International University.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the 34th Congressional District and the state of California, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Salesian High School's volleyball team on their remarkable achievements and extending to this school year's team our best wishes for the upcoming season. They are truly an inspiration, on and off the volleyball court. After all, as they have shown, with determination, teamwork and a lot of hard work, anything is possible.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, due to a homeland security matter I was detained this evening and missed rollcall #696. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

### PATRICK SWAYZE—ACTOR— ADVOCATE—TEXAN

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Patrick Swayze, actor and advocate. Swayze died at the age of 57—yesterday—September 14, 2009 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Houston, Texas, on August 18, 1952 to parents, dancer and choreographer Patsy Swayze, and the late engineer draftsman, Jesse Swayze.

A great actor, singer and dancer and an outstanding native Texan, Swayze had a long and distinguished career that made him an American icon. Known for his work in many films including "The Outsiders," "Dirty Dancing," and "Roadhouse," Swayze has been gracing the big screen for over four decades. He received four Golden Globe nominations for his performances in "Ghost" and "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar".

Patrick Swayze had been suffering from pancreatic cancer since January 2008. Despite his own illness, Swayze's unwavering dedication to bring awareness and fight cancer remained clear until his final days. He recently wrote a letter to Congress asking for support and funding towards the National Institutes of Health for treating cancer as well as other life threatening illnesses. Swayze brought necessary attention to pancreatic cancer by making fellow Americans aware that "more than 1.4 million will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes," and reminding them "that they are not alone."

Patrick's rise to fame began at Waltrip High School in Houston. After graduation, he en-

rolled in San Jacinto College, located in the second district of Texas, to focus on gymnastics. His training allowed him to take his first step toward stardom as Snow White's Prince Charming with the Disney's Parade Ice Show. Shortly after, he traveled to New York City in order to pursue his first love, dancing. However, an old football injury ended his ballet career, directing Swayze towards acting. Swayze starred in over 33 movies, 7 theatre productions, and had numerous television roles and appearances throughout his accomplished career.

Swayze leaves behind his wife of over thirty years, Lisa Niemi. Together they weathered a journey of both success and disappointment. Swayze and Niemi's love and commitment for one another was unwavering until the very end.

On behalf of the second congressional district of Texas, I rise to remember a true native Texan, Patrick Swayze for his outstanding achievements in the entertainment business and in the fight against cancer. His life is truly an example to all. He will be remembered as a role model and a shining example of hard work, determination, and the spirit of Texas.

### HONORING MR. WILEY HILBURN

### HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commend Mr. Wiley Hilburn, an esteemed editor, respected mentor and prolific columnist.

On September 1, the Louisiana Tech University news bureau chief, journalism teacher and department head, will retire after 41 years of dedication and service. Hilburn's legacy is not only embedded in his written work, but translated into the countless careers of past students.

The Tech Talk, Louisiana Tech's weekly newspaper, was not always the student voice of the university, but merely a mouthpiece for the administration. In 1968, Tech President F.J. Taylor, hired Hilburn to liberate the school's newspaper, a period consumed with controversy and fueled by opinion. Successfully safeguarding the student body's First Amendment right during the Vietnam War and Civil Rights movement renders recognition.

Hilburn will retire from one of Louisiana's most acclaimed journalism schools. During his 41-year-tenure, Hilburn served under Taylor and current Tech President Dan Reneau. Throughout the past 40 years, students have learned how to report responsibly and objectively.

Although he will no longer steer the student voice of Tech, his opinionated outlook of reason will continue in his columns, printed weekly in The Shreveport Times and The News-Star, of Monroe.

The Ouachita River touches most parishes in North Louisiana; Hilburn touches the hearts of all of his readers in North Louisiana every Sunday. During his four decades of teaching and mentoring students, Hilburn gave 'fragments' of his life to every journalism student who walked through Keeney Hall.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Wiley Hilburn, a teacher, writer and personal friend.

CONGRATULATING COCOA BEACH  
HIGH SCHOOL AND RALPH M.  
WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FOR BEING DESIGNATED AS 2009  
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to two schools in the 15th Congressional District of Florida that have been designated as 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools: Cocoa Beach High School and Ralph M. Williams Elementary School. I am honored to represent a district that is home to these schools that have achieved so much. These schools will serve as models for other schools throughout the country.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program commends public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that are either academically superior by scoring in the top 10 percent on state assessment tests or that demonstrate extraordinary gains in student achievement, specifically in students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Florida's success in the realm of education is nothing new. Florida's education system is frequently boasted as the best in the Nation. In a recent publication by the Heritage Foundation, Florida public education is described as "remarkable." The paper goes on to say that, "Over the past decade, National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) reading scores for Florida fourth graders have soared nine percentage points—more than twice the national gain. Florida's eighth-grade reading gains were also almost double the national average. Math scores also registered solid gains, exceeding the national average . . . Most impressive has been the success of minorities. Scores among Florida's low-income black and Hispanic students have risen much faster than the national average. Hispanic fourth-graders in the Sunshine State now boast reading scores higher than the all-student average in 15 states, including California." These achievements are truly remarkable.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the principals and teachers of these two fine schools. Your leadership and service have made these achievements possible. Most fundamentally, education is the province of parents, teachers, and local and state governments. This award demonstrates that the innovation and hard work of parents, teachers, local administrators, and the community as a whole can produce efficiency, accountability, and achievement in our Nation's schools. These two schools have served their students well and are effectively preparing them for the challenges awaiting them as adults through an effective education system.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring the students, teachers, and administrators at Cocoa Beach High School and Ralph M. Williams Elementary School for their extraordinary accomplishments. They have made Florida's 15th Congressional District proud.

### TRIBUTE TO LIZ ANDERSON

### HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to a good friend of mine and a great servant of Missouri's Eighth Congressional District, Liz Anderson. Mrs. Anderson, born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, passed away on September 9th, and she is being sorely missed by her family, friends, colleagues and the citizens of Southern Missouri.

For 30 years, Southern Missourians have been accustomed to getting the news of the day from Mrs. Anderson. First as a reporter, then as editor and co-owner of The Enterprise-Courier in Charleston, Missouri, and The East Prairie Eagle in East Prairie, Missouri, Mrs. Anderson brought her considerable skills to the newsroom. In our communities, she is remembered for being tough, fair, inquisitive, patriotic, and—above all—for taking the time to become at least twice as informed as she needed to be on any issue that earned a place in her newspaper.

Separate from her vocation in the newsroom, Mrs. Anderson put her considerable talents to work on issues she felt were important to Mississippi County, Missouri, as well as to the rest of the state and to the nation. On flood control, river transportation, and economic development issues, the positive effect of her efforts will endure along with our memory of her.

To Liz Anderson's family, I extend my heartfelt condolences. To the members of this U.S. House of Representatives, I commend her strong community spirit and her dedication to the principles of a free press. Mrs. Anderson put that free press to work in an exemplary way in Southern Missouri—and we should all take her tremendous contributions to heart as we honor her memory.

### TRIBUTE TO JOHN MANGANARO

### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. John Manganaro upon his retirement after 17 years serving as head baseball coach at Wayne State College.

Manganaro came to Wayne State as an assistant in 1990 and took the helm in 1993, inheriting a sport with less than one scholarship and a \$12,000 budget. He built Wayne State into one of the top programs in NCAA Division II, winning the last six Northern Sun Conference regular season titles while guiding the Wildcats to six straight NCAA tournament appearances.

Manganaro tallied a 506–309–1 record and was 198–54 in Northern Sun Conference games. Manganaro is a four-time Northern Sun Conference Coach of Year award recipient and led Wayne State to five Northern Sun Conference Tournament titles. Manganaro produced All Americans in six of the last seven seasons and had two players selected in the Major League Baseball Draft over the past three seasons.

In July of this year, the Omaha World Herald selected John Manganaro as the 2009 Midlands College Coach of the Year for men's sports. This was a fitting award for a coach that built a baseball program from scratch and turned it into the 12th winningest team this decade in NCAA Division II baseball.

Many of my constituents have been members of his teams through the years and they have all benefited from the experience. He is a credit to his sport, his college, and all of Nebraska.

I wish John Manganaro, his wife Janice, and their six children and two grandchildren all the best in their future endeavors.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on September 14, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 696–98. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 696: Yea—Recognizing the significant contribution coaches make in the life of children who participate in organized sports and supporting the goals and ideals of National Coaches Appreciation Week;

Rollcall No. 697: Yea—Expressing support for designation of "National Safety Month;" and

Rollcall No. 698: Yea—Supporting the goals and ideals of senior caregiving and affordability.

### A PROCLAMATION HONORING STRASBURG HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Strasburg High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

Whereas, the Strasburg High School has been supportive of their athletes; and

Whereas, the Strasburg High School has broadened the abilities and skills of their athletes in the sport of softball; and

Whereas, the Strasburg High School has always promoted sportsmanship on and off of the field: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Strasburg High School on supporting their Girls' Division IV State Softball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

### HONORING DOLPH CHIANCHIANO

### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dolph Chianchiano, Senior Vice President for

Health Policy and Research, for his 30 years of service to the National Kidney Foundation.

As the co-chair of the Congressional Kidney Caucus, I have come to understand the need for kidney patients to have a strong advocate, and they certainly have one with Dolph.

Few people can say they have made a direct impact on the lives of millions of Americans as Dolph Chianchiano can. He has guided the NKF on almost every legislative and policy decision in the history of the Medicare ESRD program, which started 35 years ago.

He helped shape the National Organ Transplant Act in 1984, the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act in 2000, the Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act in 2004 and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act in 2008. These laws have helped raise the standards for dialysis facilities, establish, regulate and improve the organ donation process, and provide funding for education, early screening and life-saving treatments for kidney patients.

He has been diligent to make sure that the promise of legislation becomes a reality for patients, making sure that the laws are implemented well through rulemakings and that appropriations follow the authorizing legislation. His ability to work to build support in the kidney community and his institutional memory of regulations and legislation over three decades makes his work even more profound.

We know Dolph's work will continue and for that we are thankful. But today, I want to honor him for his passion, commitment and dedication to kidney and transplant patients for the past 30 years and wish him the best as we work together to improve the lives of people touched by kidney disease.

#### RESTORING RESPECT AND DIGNITY TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, last week, in this chamber, the House hosted the Members of the U.S. Senate and the President of the United States.

The President used that opportunity to address Congress and the American people about this country's health care crisis.

During the speech a member of this body shouted a personal insult—rude and disrespectful words—at the President of the United States that violated the rules of decorum of this House and disgraced this institution.

To insult the President of the United States—an invited guest in this House—in such a manner brings shame on this body and all its members.

Disrespect, incivility, and personal attacks have no place in the People's House if we are to get the people's business done.

As a matter of honor, respect, and common decency the representative of the people of South Carolina's 2nd District should stand in the well of the House and apologize to his colleagues for his words and his conduct.

Since the representative from South Carolina has refused to apologize I urge all Mem-

bers, Democrats and Republicans, to vote in favor of H. Res. 744 and support restoring respect and dignity to the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, September 14, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 696 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 6); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 697 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 459); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 698 (On the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 59, as Amended).

#### RECOMMENDING TEACHING CONSTITUTION TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2009*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my support, not only for the principles of House Resolution 686, but for all of the historical foundations of our Nation and its laws. The Constitution is our Nation's most precious and important document. The Constitution spells out the vision that our founders had for this land and its people, while directing us on how to protect the many freedoms and gifts it provides us. A fundamental understanding of social studies, like many other subjects, is imperative for our children, and our Nation, to achieve their greatest potential. That understanding of social studies must include many things, but most importantly an understanding of our Constitution, our Founding Fathers, their vision and ideals for this Republic, and a sense of civic duty that embodies charity and the American spirit of independence. In order for our students to grasp these concepts and relate them to the rest of their educational experiences and daily lives, these concepts and themes must be revisited throughout the education of young Americans and not just for a week in September. As the Constitution is the foundation of our Republic and its laws and principles, in teaching our students about American government and American history the Constitution should provide a foundation and frame of reference throughout the educational process. I am greatly appreciative for all of our teachers and education professionals and thank them for the service they provide to our communities. I would encourage them to include our founding documents and the lessons provided by our Founding Fathers into their classrooms whenever possible.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ROGER MCCAULEY FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO OHIO AND THE APPALACHIAN REGION

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Roger McCauley served as the Executive Director of the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development, because of his expertise about and dedication to Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been a long-standing advocate of affordable housing for all through his service on the board of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has, throughout his career, been of invaluable service to community economic development and poverty advocacy groups; and

Whereas, Roger McCauley has been an upstanding and irreplaceable leader in his community, having served on the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council, as President of the Oakdale Water District, and as President of the Burr Oak Regional Water District;

Whereas, Roger McCauley has spent forty years of his distinguished life fighting in the War on Poverty: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I applaud Roger McCauley for her distinguished record of service to Ohio and the Appalachian Region. We are grateful for his dedication and service.

#### HONORING THE WORK OF ARA PARSEGHIAN

**HON. JOE DONNELLY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ara Parseghian for his years of dedication as a loving husband and father, legendary football coach and most notably, an advocate for scientific research to discover cures for two rare diseases which afflict hundreds of thousands of Americans—Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

Ara Parseghian spent much of his career serving as a leader and role model to the many young men who came under his guidance during his tenure as the head football coach at Miami University, Northwestern and the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Parseghian's impressive record at Notre Dame included two consensus national championships and three bowl victories in the 1970 Cotton Bowl, the 1973 Sugar Bowl and the 1974 Orange Bowl. Mr. Parseghian was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980 in recognition for these tremendous accomplishments.

Many Americans have heard stories about Ara Parseghian's legendary football career, but what many may not know is that some of his most important work began after his football career. For nearly fifteen years, Ara has been fighting Niemann-Pick Type C disease.

This tragic disease is a degenerative neurological disorder afflicting thousands of children and sadly is ultimately fatal. Niemann-Picks Type C is a rare disease, afflicting only one out of four children when both parents are carriers. The Parseghian family learned of this disease first hand, when despite the rarity of the disease, three of Ara's youngest grandchildren were diagnosed with Niemann-Picks Type C in 1994.

Unfortunately, the Parseghians' beautiful grandchildren are no longer with us. Michael passed away at the age of 9 in 1997, Christa when she was only 10 in 2001, and most recently Maria at age 16 in 2005. Surely no grandparent in this day and age should have to outlive three of their grandchildren. Yet, rather than succumb to grief and give up hope, Ara Parseghian and his family never let up in their fight to find a cure for this terrible disease. Together they founded the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation in 1994 devoted to researching and finding a cure for Niemann-Picks Type C. In 1997, scientists funded by the Parseghian foundation were able to isolate the gene responsible for causing Niemann-Picks Type C, and have since made tremendous strides towards finding treatments which may one day prevent other families from suffering the same tragic loss as the Parseghians have.

Ara Parseghian's commitment to scientific discovery did not stop with the disease that took the lives of his grandchildren. Mr. Parseghian, whose sister, brother-in-law and daughter have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, is also active in fundraising for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In honor of his many years of selfless devotion to the cause of medical research, Ara Parseghian will be honored at the Kate's Hope Michiana MS Luncheon on September 23, 2009, where he will receive the first Kate's Hope Award for "hope-inspiring humanitarian service." While Ara Parseghian has received numerous awards and accolades for his achievements on the football field, it is honors such as this—for his selfless devotion to others—which will truly define the "Era of Ara." And so once again, I wish to express my sincere admiration and respect for Ara Parseghian, and honor all he has done for children and families struggling with neurological disorders.

#### HONORING STEPHEN C. WHITE OF THE MYSTIC SEAPORT MUSEUM

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome Stephen C. White, as the new president and chief executive officer of Mystic Seaport Museum, in my Congressional district.

The Board of Trustees of the Museum conducted a national search of many qualified candidates and found an individual capable of building on the Museum's many accomplishments during its 80-year history. Mystic Seaport Museum, the Museum of America and the Sea, hosts nearly 300,000 visitors each year, including 30,000 children attending with school or youth groups.

Prior to joining the Museum, Steve served 18 years as headmaster of Fay School, the country's oldest junior boarding school. During Steve's tenure, Fay School established a dynamic strategic plan and a comprehensive master plan for future campus development. Under Steve's leadership, Fay dramatically increased its endowment and, most recently, completed a \$20 million campaign designed to support key elements of the strategic plan, including compensation, scholarships, program development and campus expansion.

A native of Camden, ME, Steve has long enjoyed a connection to the sea, sailing wooden boats with his grandfather and father. He found his call to education through the sea as well, having spent summers as a director of junior sailing programs at Camden Yacht Club and Ft. Worth Boat Club. He's also made two trans-Atlantic crossings on a sloop from Connecticut. Steve is excited to get back to his maritime roots as he takes on the position of moving Mystic Seaport forward.

Steve has a B.A. in English and Education from Hartwick College. Additionally, he has completed coursework at Columbia University/Teachers College through a Klingenstein Fellowship. He currently resides on Cape Cod with his wife, Maggie, and is planning to relocate to Mystic soon.

As Mystic Seaport celebrates its 80th year, the team there continues to strive toward achieving the vision the founders laid out in 1929—that the Museum be educational in purpose, national in scope and an inspiring force for the future.

Based on my work with Steve White during his first few months in office, I am confident that he has been an excellent selection to continue working toward this vision, and I look forward to working closely with him as he does so.

#### CALL TO SERVICE HOMEBUYER CREDIT ACT OF 2009

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, in June of this year, a constituent contacted me regarding an issue of great concern to his family. He and his wife had purchased a home in my district with the First Time Homebuyer Credit. Yet, because of a temporary government assignment overseas, they were being forced to repay the credit. This constituent eloquently expressed his frustration and asked my office to help him, and the thousands of Foreign Service families like his.

I'm proud to say that today we are doing just that by introducing the "Call to Service Homebuyer Credit Act of 2009."

This bill would allow members of the armed services, Foreign Service, and intelligence community to take full advantage of the 2009 First Time Homebuyer Tax Credit.

Currently, the credit provides up to \$8,000 towards the purchase of a home, from December 31, 2008 through November 30, 2009, provided that the home is a primary residence for 36 months afterward. The program has been so successful that the National Association of Realtors estimates 1.8 million families will file for the credit, and that 350,000

wouldn't have been able to purchase a home without it.

But for all its popularity, the credit is inaccessible to many Americans—like my constituent—serving our country in the military, Foreign Service, or intelligence community. These occupations often require time served abroad, or otherwise away from home, rendering a 36-month commitment to a primary residence a difficult proposition. Even now, hundreds of thousands of men and women are overseas serving our country on bases, embassies, or other posts, away from friends and family, and often in hazardous locations. Those serving the public should not have to choose between their job and their home.

This bill protects those called to service, now or in the future, by counting duty away from home as time spent fulfilling the primary occupancy requirement. It also gives a second chance to those who served away from home in 2009 by extending the credit for one year. This bill will give these men and women the same opportunity as other Americans to own a home.

I appreciate the engagement of the Ways and Means Committee on this issue, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to quickly enact these thoughtful provisions.

#### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BANK OF O'FALLON IN O'FALLON, ILLINOIS

#### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Bank of O'Fallon, in O'Fallon, Illinois.

The Bank of O'Fallon was chartered in 1959 and opened its doors in a facility on the northwest corner of the new Southview Plaza. The original board of directors included; Matthias K. Schwarz, Russell V. Thoman, Sr., Dr. B.F. Tate, Arthur Huller, W. Wayne McKinley, Ray Richardson, and Jack Schwarz. The management team consisted of President, Matthias K. Schwarz, Vice-President, Russell V. Thomas, Sr., and acting cashier, Dr. B.F. Tate.

Responding to the needs of its customers, the Bank of O'Fallon opened an 8 lane drive through facility in 1973, across the "Shiloh Road," at 913 South Lincoln. Expansion continued in 1989 with the opening of a new, larger bank building next to the drive through. The Community Financial Center was built on the site of the original bank building in 2000. This center holds a conference room, dedicated to one of the founders, Russell V. Thomas, Sr. and his wife, Eleanor, where community groups can meet free of charge.

The Bank of O'Fallon has grown through the years and has earned a reputation as a sound, successful community bank. It is owned by Security First Bancshares, Inc., a locally owned holding company. With current assets of approximately \$255 million, the bank has been recognized by several independent bank research firms with their highest ratings.

The current president, Richard J. Thoman, stresses the joint contributions of the directors, officers and employees in the continuing success of the bank. O'Fallon and the surrounding area have been tremendous growth

since 1959 and the Bank of O'Fallon has grown with it by maintaining close ties within the communities it serves.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the board of directors, officers and employees of the Bank of O'Fallon on their 50th Anniversary and wishing them the very best for many more years to come.

HONORING ANN ARBOR HOST  
LIONS CLUB'S EIGHTIETH YEAR  
OF SERVICE

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club as they celebrate their eightieth year of service to the people of Ann Arbor and the state of Michigan.

The Lions Club has spent decades faithfully serving the City of Ann Arbor and have aided the area in times of prosperity and hardship. Since 1929, the Lions Club has maintained its presence in the community through a variety of events, including but not limited to White Crane drives, active participation in Habitat for Humanity and strong support for countless local and state-wide programs.

As members of the world's largest community service organization, the men and women of the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club should be commended for their dedication to the residents of the greater Ann Arbor area. The Lions Club's desire to give back to the community was directly responsible for the creation of the Michigan Eye-Bank, a state-wide charitable organization that has offered sight restoration to thousands of people.

The citizens of Ann Arbor can take immense pride in being members of a community that has engaged and been served by the wonderful group of dedicated and compassionate volunteers that constitute the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club. Their generosity and charitable activities have been visible in the community for several generations and it is my hope and wish that their outstanding work receives praise and recognition.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in commending the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club on eighty years of charitable support and service to the community.

HONORING DR. NORMAN E.  
BORLAUG

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, a brilliant scientist and humanitarian, who died on September 12, 2009, at the age of 95 from complications with cancer in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Congressional Gold Medal during his lifetime. Dr. Borlaug used the respect he received from his accolades to advocate the importance that sound agriculture policy would have on al-

lowing peace to exist among communities hard hit by famine.

Dr. Borlaug won his Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for developing a strong strain of wheat that could produce large yields in regions of the world, otherwise susceptible to famine. Many of these regions were in developing countries with a history of increased amounts of conflict due to the hunger of its communities. Dr. Borlaug believed through studying agriculture trends, food challenges could be met resulting in establishing peace and prosperity.

Dr. Borlaug received his Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and his Congressional Gold Medal in 2007.

Dr. Norman Borlaug was Distinguished Professor of International Agriculture in Texas A&M University's Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. Joining the Texas A&M family in 1984, Borlaug worked extensively, even up to his death, studying the food trends of the world. At Texas A&M in 2006, the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture was named in his honor. This institution aims to carry on the rich legacy of the great works and service of Dr. Borlaug and ensure future stewards of that legacy will carry out the good work stressed by this great man.

Dr. Borlaug knew the importance of challenging the youth in his field to carry the torch for the next generation of scientists, working to solve the food challenges that the future may hold. Generations to come will be indebted to his life's work.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to call Dr. Borlaug a friend, and I remain in awe of his intellect and body of work. Thank you for the opportunity to call on all Americans to recall his spirit and his service.

INTRODUCTION OF SATELLITE  
HOME VIEWER UPDATE AND RE-  
AUTHORIZATION ACT  
(“SHVURA”)

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the “Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act,” legislation that modernizes, simplifies and improves the compulsory copyright licenses governing the retransmission of distant television signals by cable and satellite television operators. I am joined by Representative BOUCHER, Representative WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Representative JOHNSON.

Both the cable and satellite industries rely on these licenses to provide television programming to their customers. The satellite Section 119 license will expire on December 31, unless we act. This legislation renews the satellite license for five years.

These compulsory copyright licenses were designed to facilitate investment in new creative works by the satellite and cable industries by eliminating direct negotiation with the copyright owners for the use of distant signal programming. These companies pay copyright royalty fees to a pool, at a rate set by statute, and are then distributed to the copyright owners by the United States Copyright Office.

In the five years since we last addressed these issues, the cable and satellite industries

have changed dramatically. The country underwent a transition from analog to digital television, the cable industry has grown and consolidated, and the satellite industry has expended its reach, signing up more subscribers and providing more markets with local-to-local service.

This legislation reflects the recent transition to digital television by clarifying that the compulsory licenses apply to digital streams instead of just analog streams, and by providing for an updated technological model to predict the eligibility of satellite subscribers for distant signals under the Section 119 license. It also takes into account the advent of multicasting, which is a direct result of the new capacity created by the transition to digital signals and was not contemplated by the previous licensing schemes.

One important purpose of the Section 119 license is to ensure that consumers who live in markets that may be missing certain network affiliates can receive the full complement of network programming. The new language clarifies the ways in which the license can be used by satellite companies to accomplish this.

Changes in the cable television marketplace have resulted in confusion over the proper way to calculate royalties under the Section 111 cable compulsory license. This so-called “phantom signal” uncertainty has chilled both the cable and content industries, creating legal ambiguity that deters investment and growth, and threatens to raise cable price and disrupt cable service. This legislation alters the way the royalty rates are calculated to restore certainty to the marketplace and make the compensation for copyrighted content more fair.

This legislation also gives television and cable providers the flexibility they need to assist the United States Government in times of national emergency. Previously, during national emergencies, the compulsory licenses precluded cable and satellite companies from broadcasting certain distant signals to government organizations. Now the licensees can provide the government with the information it needs to monitor and respond to a natural disaster or man-made catastrophe.

This legislation also attempts to help rural markets that are currently not receiving “local-to-local” service. To incentivize satellite companies to serve these disadvantaged markets, the legislation restores the section 119 license to DISH network, which lost its license three years ago for noncompliance, on the condition that DISH enter all television markets in the United States. It is anticipated that this change will spur price and market competition between the major satellite providers to broaden and improve service to consumers.

The legislation streamlines and updates the compulsory license system in several other ways. It substantially heightens the penalties for copyright infringement. It provides a verification right for copyright owners to ensure that they are being properly compensated for the use of their intellectual property. It corrects and updates provisions related to rate-setting proceedings before the Copyright Royalty Judges. It adds a royalty filing fee to defray the administrative costs of disbursing the copyright payments to the pool. And it moves provisions for low power television and “significantly viewed” stations from Section 119 to Section 122 to reflect the “local” nature of those signals.

The current compulsory licenses were not designed for this new digital era. This legislation is necessary to avoid immediate disruption in service to satellite consumers, long-term deterioration of service to cable consumers, and to enhance and protect the rights of content-creators.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
INDIAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Indian Valley High School has displayed incredible dedication to creating well-rounded students; and

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*Resolved*, That along with their friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate the Indian Valley High School on supporting their Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous amount of support they have given to their athletes.

**REMEMBERING SEN. RON RAIKES**

**HON. ADRIAN SMITH**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a friend and a colleague, Nebraska State Senator Ron Raikes. Ron was a dedicated public servant, who will be remembered as an honorable, hardworking senator who took pride in representing his constituency and all of Nebraska.

Raikes was born and raised in Nebraska. He attended Iowa State University and worked there as a professor after receiving a doctorate in agricultural economics from the University of California-Davis.

Raikes was appointed to the Nebraska Legislature in 1997, elected in 1998 and reelected in 2000 and 2004. I will always remember him as a well-liked and deeply respected colleague.

He was a mentor to the younger generation and an avid farmer. He ran a large cattle operation, a soil conservation business, and grew

corn, soybeans and wheat. More than that, he was a tireless advocate for what he believed in and always challenged his colleagues.

He will be missed.

My heart goes out to his wife, his children and his grandchildren.

**RECOGNIZING HISTORICALLY  
BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the importance of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the United States. President Barack Obama has issued a proclamation recognizing August 30–September 5, 2009 as National HBCU Week, and I am very proud to honor these institutions today.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities are defined as accredited colleges and universities founded prior to 1964 with the intent of serving the African-American community. These institutions have existed for more than 140 years, and there are more than 100 across the United States. Of the nine HBCUs in my home state of Texas, three are public institutions and six are private.

HBCUs have had a very long history and date back to the period directly following the Civil War. Originally HBCUs were the only institutions of higher education that accepted African-Americans. After the Civil Rights Movement prompted an end to white-only admissions policies, HBCUs continued to act as an important educational resource for African-Americans and other students who chose not to attend predominately white institutions.

There are a number of notable figures who have graduated from HBCUs, and I would like to pay tribute to some of them today. Alice Walker of Spelman University and Langston Hughes of Lincoln University are American literary giants who attended HBCUs. Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall went to Howard University and former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan attended Texas Southern University. Additionally, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a graduate of Morehouse University. Truly, our country would be at a great loss without these heroes.

I commend the educators, students, alumni and staff that have worked tirelessly to make Historically Black Colleges and Universities what they are today. I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing the role these institutions have played in educating generations of Americans of all races and ethnic backgrounds.

**RECOGNIZING 15TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST  
WOMEN ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act. This law, which was originally signed in 1994, is one of the most significant achievements in our history for advancing the equality and empowerment of women.

Nearly a quarter of women in the United States are victims of domestic violence every year. 1 in 6 women will be a victim of sexual assault in her lifetime. And that number is 4 times higher for women in college.

Domestic violence not only harms the victim, it has a cumulative effect on communities. Children who grow up in households where domestic violence occurs are 60–75 percent more likely to experience child abuse. These children tend to suffer from a variety of psychological problems during their lifetime.

Given these staggering facts, it is our responsibility to make sure that women and children have peace of mind that there is someone on their side if they are faced with such harm. The Violence Against Women Act has given communities the kinds of resources they need to bring this peace of mind closer to a reality.

This Act not only increased the criminal penalty for acts of domestic violence, but strengthened the ability of our communities to respond and even prevent these incidents in the first place. VAWA funds legal assistance for victims of domestic violence, strengthens domestic violence shelters, and helps to enforce restraining orders.

The law also established a national hotline called by over 1.5 million abused women seeking help. As a result, domestic violence is down 50 percent and rape is down 60 percent nationwide.

But we still have a long way to go. 60 percent of sexual assaults are still not reported to the police. Although this number has declined significantly since 1993, we must continue these efforts to end the threat of violence against women and children.

In our society, no woman should ever feel so scared for their lives and their safety that they are unable to fulfill their potential. We must create a culture in which women and girls can thrive, and this Act has taken us one step closer to that goal.

I want to thank the Congresswoman from New York for this important resolution.